
REMARKS

In the instant Action, Claims 18-44 are listed as pending, Claims 32-43 are listed as withdrawn from consideration, and Claims 18-31 and 44 are listed as objected to. Applicants hereby submit this amendment to comply with all outstanding requirements and/or objections and otherwise to place this application in a condition for allowance.

At pages 3-4 of the instant Action, the Examiner wrote:

Claim Objections

Claims 18-31 and 44 are objected to because of the following informalities: the claims have not been amended commensurate in scope with the NEWLY elected invention (bearing core of originally elected H2-B-Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R,3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide); namely a peptide selected from the group consisting of (see Interview Summary mailed 6/26/08):

the following 7 peptides 6 of which bear an overlapping core), to which the Examiner agreed to rejoin:

H2-Phe-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH2

H2-beta-Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thre-NH2

H2-beta-Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-beta-Nal-N H2

H2-bcta-Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH2

H2-D-beta-Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH2

H2-D-beta-Nal-D-Cpa-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-beta-Nal-N H2

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H2-D-Phe-D-Phe-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-NH2.

As the NEWLY elected invention was not found to be reasonably taught or suggested by the prior art of record, in the updated compound search conducted on 6/13/08, were the claims amended thereto, they would likely receive favorable consideration.

In full compliance with the Examiner's requirements, Applicants have canceled all pending claims, and introduced a new Claim 51 which recites the "new NEWLY elected invention (bearing core of originally elected H_2 - β -Nal-D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-(2R, 3R-(2-hydroxymethyl)-3-hydroxy)propylamide)" and the seven compounds to which the Examiner agreed to rejoin.

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, Applicants believe that all remaining issues have been avoided or overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objections set forth in the instant Action be reconsidered and withdrawn and that this application be passed to issue.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to reclaim the subject matter surrendered in response to the instant Action by either reintroducing said subject matter into the present application or by filing a subsequent application(s).

Examiner Audet is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney to facilitate prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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